

# STREAMLINE

News and Events at Louisville MSD · January 2017

## OUR VISION

Achieving Safe, Clean Waterways  
for a Healthy and Vibrant Community



The dirt flies at the MSD Shawnee Park Basin Project groundbreaking event. Shown left to right: Eric Browne (Browne E&C Services), Matthew Ulliman (Ulliman Schutte Construction), Sadiqa Reynolds (Louisville Urban League), Tony Parrott (MSD Executive Director), Joyce Horton Mott (MSD Board), Cheri Bryant Hamilton (Louisville Metro Councilwoman, District 5) and Marty Storch (Metro Parks Deputy Director). Above right: Shovels stand at the ready prior to the event.

## Breaking ground for Shawnee Park Basin Project

MSD broke ground on the \$60 million Shawnee Park Basin Project on December 6, 2016. This project is key to reducing sewer overflows into the Ohio River. At the same time, MSD is committed to preserving the historic nature of Shawnee Park. The basin—which will be largely invisible to the public when completed—will be constructed under a portion of the Great Lawn in Shawnee Park.

The project is a collective effort between MSD, Louisville Metro Parks, The Olmsted Parks Conservancy, community leaders, and local residents that will also feature new park amenities including an open-air pavilion, enhanced green space, premium landscaping, a new paved parking area for the spray pad, a resurfaced loop road, renovation of the lily pond, and restoration of the Ball House and athletic courts.

Basins, like this one, and the Ohio River Tunnel that will run underneath downtown, by 2020, will capture and

treat 98 percent of the combined sewer overflow volume for a typical year of rain.

The Project will create 130 local job opportunities, including positions for carpenters, ironworkers, electricians, masons, pipefitters, heavy equipment operators and more. For more information and project updates, please visit [ShawneeParkBasinProject.org](http://ShawneeParkBasinProject.org).



### OUR MISSION

Providing Exceptional Wastewater, Drainage  
and Flood Protection Services for Our Community

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## Reclaiming flood-prone land

MSD partnered with the Salt River Watershed Watch to restore a riparian stream buffer on MSD-owned property on Bartley Drive. The planting of native trees, shrubs, and grasses will create a forested stream buffer over time that will improve stream health by providing shade and habitat along Cedar Creek.

The flood-prone property was purchased through a FEMA grant that stipulates the land cannot be developed. More than 200 trees, shrubs, and grasses were planted to restore the property and return the land to a natural, forested state.

The volunteer tree plantings took place on Saturday, December 10, 2016. MSD's **Wes Sydnor** and **Erin Wagoner** participated with volunteers from the Salt River Watershed Watch and students from duPont Manual High School.



Wes Sydnor welcomes the volunteers to the restoration site.



A young volunteer prepares to plant a sapling as part of the riparian stream buffer on Bartley Drive.

### MSD Milestones

#### Welcome to MSD

**Geary Lasley**, Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor  
**Troy Wethington**, Utility Trainee

#### Congratulations on your promotion/reclassification

**CORRECTION—Andrej Ajanovic**, Staff Attorney  
**David Glenn**, Field Specialist  
**Whitne McFadden**, Utility Worker III  
**Robert Morris**, Master Maintenance Mechanic

#### Welcome to a new role

**Chris Hendrix**, Sanitary Department  
**Sonja Smith**, Supplier Diversity Compliance Inspector

#### Happy service anniversary

<b>10 years</b>	<b>Stephen Miles</b>	<b>James Vaughan</b>
	<b>Lonnie Gaines</b>	<b>Sheila Edwards</b>
	<b>Keith Gallai</b>	<b>Jason Walls</b>
<b>5 years</b>	<b>Lynne Fleming</b>	<b>Mary Landgrave</b>

#### Congratulations on your retirement

**Tom Madden**  
**Barbara Mendelsberg**—has decided to delay her retirement. We are glad you are staying!

**MSD is available 24/7  
 at 502.587.0603**

Report a sanitary sewer backup before contacting a plumber. Determining if the problem is located on the public side of the system will help to avoid unnecessary plumber expense.

## Making a difference in the health of our streams

**Working together, all of us can help achieve safe, clean waterways.** Delaying the use of your washer and dishwasher during periods of heavy rain can help. The extra water these



machines use can overload the sanitary sewers and cause them to overflow. If possible delay that load of laundry or dishes to give the sewer system time to catch up.



Visit [msdprojectwin.org](http://msdprojectwin.org) for more information concerning ways that you can be part of the solution for decreasing and eliminating sewer overflows.



## Disconnecting downspouts from the sewer system

Water from falling rain and melting snow usually absorbs into the ground or flows into nearby creeks and streams through natural drainage paths and specialized stormwater systems. However, serious problems can occur when stormwater drains directly into the system intended for wastewater from dishwashers, sinks, showers, toilets and tubs.

### How MSD Can Help

To minimize the amount of rainwater entering your community's wastewater system, MSD offers several free programs to help you modify and correct improperly installed drainage connections. One of our most popular programs is the Downspout Disconnection Program. Through this program, you can receive a one-time incentive of **\$100 for each downspout** disconnected from the wastewater system on your property.

For details about the Program, please contact MSD Customer Relations. **Phone: 502.587.0603**  
**Email: [CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org](mailto:CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org)**



## Plan your rain garden now

Rain gardens help infiltrate rainwater before it reaches the drainage system, and reduce the amount of stormwater and pollutants running into storm drains, combined sewers or streams.

For your **FREE Rain Garden Guide**, contact MSD Customer Relations at 502.587.0603, or online at [CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org](mailto:CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org).

## Resolving drainage issues for our community

### Drainage initiatives have been approved for these areas:

- Belmar Drive
- Largo Court
- Sherry Lynn Court
- Tycoon Way
- Valletta/Denham roads
- Walnut Hills Drive

Project DRI (Drainage Response Initiative) invests in neighborhood drainage improvements throughout Louisville Metro. The dedicated capital funding and crew work conducted annually under this program have enhanced Louisville Metro's drainage system and decreased localized flooding and standing water for our customers.



## Customer Compliments

I had a backup in my yard. **Pat Beasley, Derrick Eddins** and **Greg Thornton** went beyond their call of duty. They were very informative and professional.

— Marysue Kastin

I want to thank **Vernon Johnson, Maurice Nichols, Shari Payne** and **Ronald Smith** for clearing the roots from my sewer line. They were very professional, answered all of my questions and installed a new pipe access. It was clear they knew their stuff, worked as a team and did their job quickly. Many thanks and well done.

— Michael Burch

**Jay Kustes, James Rutledge** and **Bill Sanders** performed a great job on the sewer pipe removal and replacement and the replacement of the deteriorating driveways at my home and my neighbor's home. They were productive, efficient and courteous. They seemed to love their work and explained to me what they were doing with competence and enthusiasm. We appreciate their professionalism and hard work to improve our neighborhood.

— Shere Jones



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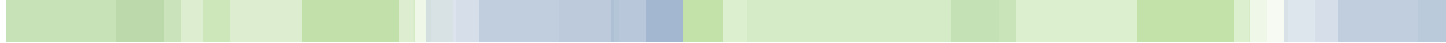
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Access <http://msdrecords.louisvillemsd.org/openmsd/board.aspx> for the full schedule of both regular and Board committee meetings.



## Upcoming Events

### JANUARY 2

#### MSD Offices closed

For emergency service anytime, phone MSD's Customer Relations at 502.587.0603

### JANUARY 3

#### Clifton Heights Force Main Project Meeting

6:30 pm, American Printing House for the Blind  
1839 Frankfort Avenue

### JANUARY 10

#### MSD Audit Committee Meeting

4 pm, 700 West Liberty Street

### JANUARY 16

#### MSD Offices closed

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### JANUARY 19

#### Can You Dig It? Contractor Outreach Forum

10 am - Noon, Kentucky Center for African American Heritage  
1701 W Muhammad Ali Boulevard

### JANUARY 23

#### MSD Board Meeting

1 pm, Open Session, 700 West Liberty Street

## Help keep street drains flowing

Catch basins and street gutter drains cannot function properly when their grates are clogged with leaves, ice and snow. Please clear away debris from catch basin grates.

If a basin still does not drain, contact **MSD Customer Relations— at 502-587-0603—** we will send someone to help.



Make plans now to attend

## Ohio River Sweep

Saturday · June 17, 2017 · 9 a.m. to Noon